Government to set up similar circuit bench of Allahabad High Court in Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) if so, by when a circuit bench is expected to be set up and the location thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) to (d) Setting up of a Bench of a High Court is considered on receipt of a complete proposal from the State Government in consultation with the Chief Justice of the High Court concerned. As a complete proposal has been received from the Government of West Bengal, it is proposed to set up a Circuit Bench of the Calcutta High Court at Jalpaiguri. However, no such complete proposal has been received for setting up of a Bench of the Allahabad High Court.

Compliance of orders of Supreme Court

†628. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether instructions for compliance with the order of the Supreme Court that the statement of the sufferer in a rape case is sufficient have been issued to all courts for compliance; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) and (b) No directions/guidelines with regard to admissibility of statement of the prosecutrix in the rape case as provided in the Indian Evidence Act, have been issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs to the courts in the country. However, it is for the respective High Courts to issue directions/guidelines to the courts functioning under them.

Pending cases in Delhi courts

629. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of criminal and civil cases are pending in the lower courts of Delhi;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.